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Contributing to *The Educational Times*: Letters to W.J.C. Miller

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In a recent article [1] I summarized the history of the mathematical department of *The Educational Times* and of its daughter journal *Mathematical Questions*. For over half a century until 1918 nearly 19,000 problems on mathematics and their solutions were posed (and usually solved) there. The purpose of the note was to attract attention to this rather unique publication; it is now the subject of postgraduate investigation at Imperial College, London, by Mrs. Janet Burt of King Alfred's College, Winchester, England.

In addition, I drew attention to the importance of W.J.C. Miller (1832–1903), who was the editor for most of the second half of the 19th century, and I stressed the need to locate his correspondence. This has now been achieved. A portion of the letters which Miller received from contributors forms part of the collection of manuscripts left to Columbia University by the historian of mathematics, D.E. Smith (1860–1944). He corresponded with Miller himself from 1894 to 1897 and obtained some of Miller's notes on mathematical problems; but the main body of the Miller legacy is letters from around 240 identified correspondents (together with some unidentifiable items). The better known names among this constellation include

G.J. Allman	R.S. Ball	G. Battagliani
W.H. Besant	D. Biddle (the next editor)	J. Booth
C.W. Borchardt	S. Bryant	W.S. Burnside
A. Cayley	W.K. Clifford	J. Cockle
L. Cremona	M.W. Crofton	A. De Morgan
C.L. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll)	F. Galton	J. Glaisher
H. Godfray	R. Harley	S. Haughton
T.A. Hirst	P. Kelland	P.T. Kirkman
E.E. Kummer	O.E. Lampe	H. MacColl

G.B. Mathews

L. Playfair

S. Roberts

W. Spottiswoode

I. Todhunter

C.J. Monro

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G. Salmon

J.J. Sylvester

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T. Muir

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P.G. Tait

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